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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THE NEW MEXICO LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO CREATE AN  
12 INTERIM COMMITTEE OR ASSIGN AN APPROPRIATE INTERIM COMMITTEE TO  
13 REVIEW OPTIONS FOR AMENDING THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS  
14 RETIREMENT ACT.

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16 WHEREAS, volunteer firefighters provide vital services in  
17 a number of localities across the state; and

18 WHEREAS, as volunteers, these people, unlike career  
19 firefighters, do not qualify for retirement programs through  
20 their local governments; and

21 WHEREAS, the volunteer firefighter retirement program can  
22 assist local fire departments in the recruiting and retention  
23 of personnel; and

24 WHEREAS, the administration of the program has become  
25 problematic in determining service credit, reporting service

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1 credit, calculating benefits and removing inactive members from  
2 the retirement database;

3 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE  
4 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the New Mexico legislative council be  
5 requested to appoint an interim committee or assign an  
6 appropriate interim committee to study the provisions of the  
7 Volunteer Firefighters Retirement Act and consider necessary  
8 amendments to the act; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public employees  
10 retirement association, the state fire marshal's office, the  
11 fire service council, the New Mexico municipal league and the  
12 New Mexico association of counties be consulted during the  
13 interim study; and

14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be  
15 transmitted to the legislative council service for distribution  
16 to the New Mexico legislative council.